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Kathleen L. Bockley

Dear Sir:

This paper is in response to the Office Action mailed May 28, 2004, with a shortened statutory period set to expire on August 28, 2004. This paper is filed within the set period for response such that no extension of time is necessary.

Please consider the following amendments and/or remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.